

The Rush County Board of Commissioners held their first meeting of the New Year, January 4, 2010 with Commissioners Tom Barnes, Chairman, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Ken Masters. Seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Stan Richards of Quality Plumbing Hardware appeared before the commissioners to answer any questions or concerns before proceeding into the 2010 year. The commissioners informed Richards that due to county financial concerns the courthouse and jail maintenance service contracts will be quoted out for the 2010 year. The commissioners will prepare the quote specifications and continue with a two year maintenance service contract. Richards did point out that it is easy to beat pricing and he continued to encourage the commissioners to verify that the QPH maintenance contract had not increased during the past four years that they have serviced the county.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, discussed the funding of the Kimball billing assessment of the wireless billing. Herbert reported that after discussion with Sheriff Jeff Sherwood the funding will come from the E-911 wireless fund. The auditor informed Herbert that he will need to appear before the council seeking an additional appropriation.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-nine (49) inmates currently housed in the Rush County Jail. Sherwood reported that the jail is currently averaging fifty (50) inmates daily along with averaging thirteen (13) woman inmates.

Sherwood reported that the new sheriff deputy vehicle is now on the road and that the new Jeep Commander vehicle will also be on the road within a week.

Sherwood reported that the advertised dog warden position has received four (4) applications. Sherwood will be reviewing the applications to fill the position within the next few days.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, submitted the December report for review

EMA

In his absence, Mike Ooley, EMA Director submitted his written report for the commissioners to review.

- Due to the 2010 budget cuts the local weather site located on the Rush County website has been discontinued
- The GIS sub grant agreement has arrived for the commissioners approval
- All county emergency radios will need to be rebanded or narrow banded during 2010
- The 800 MHz radios will need to also be rebanded. This is due to an agreement reached between the Federal government and Nextel.
- Rush County will be participating in an all day EMA workshop on January 14th in Muncie
- The 2009 SHSP district 6 grant is now available. The county will receive \$43,200 to be used for EOC equipment and 800 MHz radios.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending January 8, 2010 on a motion from Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters

Biweekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

The Western Rush County Regional Water and Sewer Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report was signed on a motion Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

The Manilla Community Fire Department Subrecipient Semi-Annual Report was signed on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

The 2007 Homeland Security Sub-Grant Agreement for the GIS website was approved and signed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

The Independent Contractor Contract for James L. Meyers (Special Investigator) was approved and signed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

ANDERSON TWP VOL FIRE DEPT

The six (6) month Ambulance Services Agreement for the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department was approved and signed. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the agreement as agreed upon during the December 21st meeting. Marvin Cole seconded the motion, motion carried. It was noted that the agreement involves no payment of services for the six months and that assistance for equipment purchasing will be presented if future monies are available.

RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMBULANCE

County Attorney Leigh Morning outlined a wording changes made by Brad Smith, CEO of Rush Memorial Hospital, to the ambulance service agreement to the commissioners. Morning outlined the changes to Sections 2.1; 2.3; and 5.14 of the ambulance service agreement. Ken

Masters made the motion to take the agreement under advisement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER SALE

County Attorney Leigh Morning reviewed the Commissioners' Sale process with the commissioners. Discussion was held as to getting tax sale properties back on the tax roles. Ken Masters made the motion to proceed with the process. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS RUN REPORTS

The commissioners reviewed Raleigh Fire Dept December ambulance run report.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER MEETEING

Ken Masters asked for a special commissioners meeting to be scheduled for January 11, 1020. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm and will be held in the commissioner's room of the courthouse. The meeting is to discuss ambulance services. The auditor will notify the media of the special meeting.

Motion to adjourn the commissioner meeting was received from Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin L. Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor